**Outstanding claims of personnel of Para-Military Forces**

674. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of personnel of the Para-Military Forces who lost their lives during 2007, force-wise;

(b) whether the families of such personnel have any outstanding claims and benefits that are yet to be cleared by the Centre and the States concerned; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Details are as under:—

| Force | Number of personnel, who lost their lives during the year 2007 |
|---|---|
| AR | 124 |
| BSF | 370 |
| CISF | 215 |
| CRPF | 375 |
| ITBP | 71 |
| SSB | 93 |

(b) and (c) All pensionary benefits (except of the personnel covered under the New Pension Scheme) and *Ex-Gratia* Lump-sum compensation are processed expeditiously. However, a few cases get held up due to non receipt of required documents from the Next of Kins'. The cases are being monitored by the Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) regularly for early settlement. A Group of Minister is also considering the matters relating to application of the New Pension Scheme to the CPMFs.

**New IR battalions for anti-naxal operations**

675. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State police force under pressure from militants, the Union Home Ministry is working on a proposal for nearly 35,000 extra personnel in the form of new Indian Reserve battalions which are likely to be used for anti-naxal operations in States like Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

(b) whether 26 IR battalions have already been sanctioned for Naxal-affected States;

(c) whether the Central forces and State police had to be trained in jungle warfare to succeed against the Naxalites; and

(d) to what extent this strength of IR has helped in checking Naxal activities?